

world," the JLC's Western Region is planning a training program for foster youth who are about to find their first jobs. In an effort to help them succeed, the training program is designed to give them an in-depth understanding of the legal, social and political intricacies of the workplace.

To mark the national organization's 75 year anniversary, the committee's Western Region is holding an awards brunch on June 14 at the Century Plaza Hyatt Regency Hotel in Los Angeles at which a number of honorees will be recognized for their outstanding service to our communities. The honorees are: State Controller John Chiang; Executive Liaison for Universal Pictures James D. Brubaker; President/CEO of the National Association for the Hispanic Elderly Dr. Carmela Lacayo; and Business Manager, Southern California District Council of Laborers, Mike Quevedo Jr.

Madam Speaker, as the Jewish Labor Committee observes this milestone and continues the fight for social and political justice in Los Angeles, California and throughout our great nation, I ask my colleagues to please join me in commending everyone involved with the national JLC and its Western Region as well as this year's honorees for their continued commitment to securing fairness for all working families. I extend to them my best wishes for many more successful years ahead.

PAYING RESPECTS TO PRESIDENT EPHRAIM KATZIR

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a great statesman and an important world leader. This past Saturday, Ephraim Katzir, the fourth President of the State of Israel, passed away at the age of 93.

Over a long and remarkable life, President Katzir dedicated himself to the security of the State of Israel and the progress of mankind. In addition to being a leading Israeli statesman, President Katzir was a world-renowned biophysicist, performing groundbreaking research in defense studies and the natural sciences. After receiving his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Katzir went on to study and teach at leading American universities, such as Harvard, Columbia, and UCLA. He then returned to Israel to lead the Department of Biophysics at the Weizmann Institute of Science, and later became the chief scientist for the Israel Defense Forces. Katzir was awarded the Israel Prize—the state's highest civilian honor—for his work in natural science, and was the inaugural recipient of the Japan Prize for "original and outstanding achievements in science" and "having advanced the frontiers of knowledge and served the cause of peace and prosperity for mankind." He was also elected into the British Royal Society of London for the Improvement of Natural Knowledge, and in 1996 became the first Israeli inducted into the American Academy of Sciences.

In 1973, Ephraim Katzir answered Prime Minister Golda Meir's call to serve as President of Israel. During the first year of his tenure, Israel was attacked by her Egyptian and Syr-

ian neighbors in the Yom Kippur War. Just four years later, President Katzir and Prime Minister Menachem Begin welcomed Egyptian President Anwar El Sadat to Jerusalem, making Sadat the first Arab leader to visit the Jewish capital. This visit, combined with President Katzir's dedication to peace and human progress, led to the Camp David Accords a year later and an easing in the previously contentious Israeli-Egyptian relations.

Like Cincinnatus returning to his field, President Katzir chose to not stand for a second term, instead returning to his studies and spending time with his beloved wife, Nina. Though an able public servant, Katzir was never motivated by power not defined by his position. His integrity and intellect had few peers, and his devotion to the State of Israel was sincere and complete. As a scientist, a politician, and a proud citizen, President Katzir dedicated his life to a Jewish state for the Jewish people. Through his stewardship of the Office of President, President Katzir handed down to later generations a safe and prosperous nation.

The prophet Isaiah writes, "Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death." On behalf of the Fifth District of New Jersey, I wish peace for former President Katzir, and convey my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 292, 293 and 294, my flight was delayed due to weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three.

HONORING DR. LEONARD SHLAIN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with sadness to honor Dr. Leonard Shlain of Mill Valley, California who passed away May 11, at the age of 71, after a struggle with brain cancer.

Dr. Shlain excelled in two professions simultaneously. He was a pioneering surgeon in San Francisco as well as a best-selling author. As Chairman of Laparoscopic Surgery at California Pacific Medical Center and Associate Professor of Surgery at UCSF, he developed his surgical techniques to such an extent that he was flown around the world to train other doctors and also patented several surgical instruments.

His three published books have been best-sellers, their thoughtful and provocative content earning him fans from singer Bjork to Vice President Al Gore. Despite some initial skepticism about a surgeon writing on other topics, his books wove connections between everything from art and physics to human evolution in a highly creative and accessible style.

Art & Physics (1990) was hailed as a visionary exploration of the work of scientists and

artists over the centuries. The Alphabet vs. the Goddess (1998) further enhanced his reputation as an insightful and poetic storyteller while Sex, Time and Power: How Women's Sexuality Shaped Human Evolution (2003) offers dramatic explorations into the emergence of the human species. His fourth book, Leonardo's Brain, The Right-Left Roots of Creativity, will be published next year.

Dr. Shlain won many awards and was in high demand as a speaker from Italy to Los Alamos. But the most memorable thing about him was his generous and outgoing personality matched by intellectual curiosity and encyclopedic knowledge. His colleagues, friends, and family were privileged to experience this side of him, and he instilled his enthusiasm and drive in his children.

Daughter Kimberly Brooks relates "dinner conversations typically spanned from the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle to politics, literature to an incredibly dirty joke." He would often "diagram the operation of the day on a napkin. Later, his diagrams became more adventuresome and expanded to thought experiments that included what it would be like to sit astride a beam of light and how that corresponded with Picasso's rose period." She also remembers how, for show and tell at her elementary school, her dad brought a human brain in a white bucket of formaldehyde and how he built a stained-glass geodesic dome (complete with a hot tub) in the back yard instead of a conventional swing set.

Born in 1937 in Detroit, Michigan, to immigrant parents, Dr. Shlain graduated from high school at the age of 16 and from medical school when he was 23. After a stint as a Captain in the U.S. Army, he got married and moved to Mill Valley in the late sixties.

He is survived by his wife, Judge Ina Gyemant, and children, artist Kimberly Brooks, filmmaker and Webby Awards founder, Tiffany Shlain, and doctor/entrepreneur Jordan Shlain. He was also father-in-law to filmmaker Albert Brooks, scientist/artist Ken Goldberg, Ph.D. and Caroline Egli Shlain, Ph.D., respectively. He had two stepchildren, attorney Anne Gyemant Paris and writer Roberto Gyemant, Jr. His son-in-law Michael Paris is a medical engineer. He is pre-deceased by his sister Shirley Wollock and survived by siblings Marvin Shlain and Sylvia Goldstick, and nine grandchildren (with a tenth on the way).

Madam Speaker, although Dr. Shlain taught his children never to trust a man who needs more than one sentence to describe what he does for a living, it is impossible to sum up his own accomplishments so briefly. The world is a richer place for his work, his spirit, and his wonderful family.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVE SALLENGS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dave Sallengs, a Kentuckian whose efforts to fight the scourge of drug addiction throughout Kentucky have made huge strides towards stopping this horrific epidemic. His extensive knowledge of scheduled prescription drug trends has impacted the method in which doctors prescribe

scheduled narcotics, how pharmacists track and fill orders, and the way law enforcement agencies fight the drug problem throughout Kentucky.

As the manager of Kentucky's Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch, Dave Sallengs is responsible for operating the Kentucky All-Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) monitoring program, as well as enforcing the Kentucky Controlled Substances Act. With the leading prescription monitoring system in the nation, Mr. Sallengs has made it his mission to train a broad range of authorized users on KASPER.

Under the leadership of Mr. Sallengs, the number of KASPER users tripled in merely two years. On average, the number of individuals participating in KASPER continues to grow by an astounding two percent each month. This growth is a testament of his effort to promote and educate health care providers and law enforcement officers to the tremendous impact KASPER can make on people's lives. The KASPER system is one of the best weapons we have in the war against prescription drug abuse and trafficking in the Bluegrass State.

Mr. Sallengs' passion for eliminating drug abuse and addiction is evident by his continual efforts to promote KASPER to all those agencies who benefit from this important program. A graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Mr. Sallengs spent 12 years as an owner and operator of an independent retail pharmacy before gaining in-depth experience in the wholesale drug and pharmacy computer industries. In addition to being a registered pharmacist, Mr. Sallengs has served his community as a law enforcement officer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Pharmacy Association of Kentucky's "Pharmacist of the Year," Mr. Dave Sallengs. The award recognizes those who use their profession to benefit those both in the profession and the community. In my opinion, there is no one more deserving of this award in our state, or in our country, as his work is now part of a national model to end prescription drug abuse.

HONORING MS. BEATRIZ A. GARZA

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Beatriz A. Garza, the recent college graduate from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, and a tribal member of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas (KTTT).

Graduating from Haskell Indian Nations University with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts in 2006 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 2009, Ms. Beatriz A. Garza has become the first college graduate from the Kickapoo Tribe in the state of Texas.

Ms. Garza grew up in Eagle Pass, Texas, on the Kickapoo Indian Reservation, graduating from Eagle Pass High School's C.C. Winn Campus. Influenced by her father, Juan Garza, Jr., she pursued higher education at Haskell Indian Nations University.

In 1884, the doors of this fine educational institution opened up to the yearning minds of twenty-two American Indian children. It was known then as the United States Indian Industrial Training School. Today, Haskell Indian Nations University, the largest Indian university in the country, serves roughly one thousand college students per semester, and continues to serve American Indians with a multitude of innovative curricula that prepares students to enter baccalaureate programs in areas such as elementary education, American Indian studies, and business administration, which Ms. Garza, as previously noted, pursued herself, emphasizing her study in tribal management. She currently plans to pursue a professional degree in law.

Students attending this University represent federally recognized tribes from across the United States, producing a dynamic and diverse student body bringing life experiences to the forefront of the classroom while integrating American Indian and Alaskan Native culture into all its curricula. Through my time spent on a Texas school board, I have seen people who, like Ms. Garza, are intelligent, responsible, and driven. Ms. Garza excelled in the classroom and pushed forward toward a brighter future. People like Ms. Garza, are the change makers in our world, the backbone of the American dream, and the reason America succeeds. Boundaries like this are broken by great men and women who lead this country forward, inspiring future generations to follow in their footsteps.

I am proud of Ms. Garza's success and it is with great honor that I extend my most sincere congratulations to Ms. Beatriz A. Garza as she makes this monumental milestone in her life.

COMMEMORATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE SUPPRESSION

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose this unnecessary and counter-productive resolution regarding the 20th anniversary of the incident in China's Tiananmen Square. In addition to my concerns over the content of this legislation, I strongly object to the manner in which it was brought to the floor for a vote. While the resolution was being debated on the House floor, I instructed my staff to obtain a copy so that I could read it before the vote. My staff was told by no less than four relevant bodies within the House of Representatives that the text was not available for review and would not be available for another 24 hours. It is unacceptable for Members of the House of Representatives to be asked to vote on legislation that is not available for them to read!

As to the substance of the resolution, I find it disturbing that the House is going out of its way to meddle in China's domestic politics, which is none of our business, while ignoring the many pressing issues in our own country that definitely are our business.

This resolution "calls on the People's Republic of China to invite full and independent investigations into the Tiananmen Square crackdown, assisted by the United Nations

High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Committee of the Red Cross . . ." Where do we get the authority for such a demand? I wonder how the U.S. government would respond if China demanded that the United Nations conduct a full and independent investigation into the treatment of detainees at the U.S.-operated Guantanamo facility?

The resolution "calls on the legal authorities of People's Republic of China to review immediately the cases of those still imprisoned for participating in the 1989 protests for compliance with internationally recognized standards of fairness and due process in judicial proceedings." In light of U.S. government's extraordinary renditions of possibly hundreds of individuals into numerous secret prisons abroad where they are held indefinitely without charge or trial, one wonders what the rest of the world makes of such U.S. demands. It is hard to exercise credible moral authority in the world when our motto toward foreign governments seems to be "do as we say, not as we do."

While we certainly do not condone government suppression of individual rights and liberties wherever they may occur, why are we not investigating these abuses closer to home and within our jurisdiction? It seems the House is not interested in investigating allegations that U.S. government officials and employees approved and practiced torture against detainees. Where is the Congressional investigation of the U.S.-operated "secret prisons" overseas? What about the administration's assertion of the right to detain individuals indefinitely without trial? It may be easier to point out the abuses and shortcomings of governments overseas than to address government abuses here at home, but we have the constitutional obligation to exercise our oversight authority in such matters. I strongly believe that addressing these current issues would be a better use of our time than once again condemning China for an event that took place some 20 years ago.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I regret that yesterday inclement weather delayed my flight and prevented my timely return to Washington. I was, therefore, unable to cast a vote on a number of roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on H. Res. 421, recognizing and commending the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on its 75th year anniversary. I would have voted Yes on H.J. Res. 40, to encourage the people of the United States to honor Native Americans by designating the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving Day as Native American Heritage Day. I also would have voted Yes on H. Res. 489, recognizing the 20th anniversary of the brutal suppression of protesters and citizens in and around Tiananmen Square.